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Over 100 Years of Service

City of Branson Fire Rescue

2014 Performance Report

"Firefighters Save Hearts and Homes!" Author Unknown

FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION

Plan, Direct, Lead &
Oversee the Activities and
Operations of the Fire
Department

OPERATIONS

Fire Suppression
Rescue/Extrication
Medical Response
Hazardous Materials
Fire-Rescue Training

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Fire & Life Safety
Education
Fire Code Enforcement
Fire Investigations

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Disaster Preparedness
Outdoor Warning Sirens
BransonALERTS
Community Emergency
Response Team (CERT)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

On behalf of the Branson Firefighters it is my pleasure to present the 2014 City of Branson Fire Rescue Performance Report.

Inside this report you will see measurable results from response and activity data recorded in our FireHouse Records Management System. You will also see how your fire department is committed to the safety and training of the fire personnel as they serve the residents and visitors of Branson.

As you navigate through the charts and data provided in this report you will discover a continued trend of low fire losses and subsequent high property value saved. This can be attributed directly to fire training, fire-rescue equipment, and a commitment to community all-hazards risk reduction.

The firefighters work daily in our community to reduce risk by addressing and promoting great fire prevention measures. An example this past year includes a new risk reduction program focused at the "neighborhood" level as firefighters hosted risk reduction safety events at several multi-family apartment complexes. Residents young and older enjoyed a barbeque with their firefighters and learned how to reduce risk in their home, specifically from fires caused by unattended cooking, to fall and injury prevention.

I am proud to serve with a group of firefighters that work hard daily to insure the safety of those who live, work, and or visit the Branson Community.

Ted Martin, Fire Chief



Dear Firemen of Branson,
Thank You for all you did for us when our RV caught fire in the Musicland Campground on 7/14. Besides your quick response and professionalism in fighting the fire we are so grateful for the help you gave us afterwards. We were in a state of shock, and without your guidance we would have been lost. Thank you again for everything you did for us! Sincerely,
Maureen and Fred Selby Deptford, New Jersey

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide high quality, cost effective fire-rescue operations, risk reduction services and emergency preparedness to the Branson Community guided by principles of teamwork and professionalism.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to obtain an ISO 3 Classification



Branson Fire and Rescue,

We want to **THANK YOU** for helping us with the docudrama to fight distracted driving.

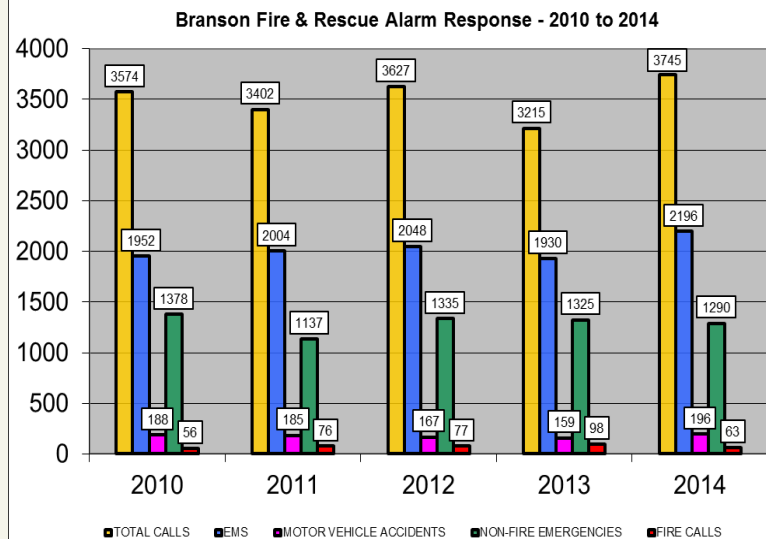
Your care for our safety means a lot!

Sincerely, Branson High School STUCO

EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1

Our goal is to respond to emergency incidents in five minutes or less. In 2014 we maintained an average response time of 5.90 minutes.

City of Branson Fire Rescue—An ISO Class 4 Fire Department



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FOCUSED ON SAFETY

FD awarded a \$31,000 FEMA Fire Act Grant to purchase ventilation fans, air monitoring equipment, and rapid intervention crew (RIC) equipment. All equipment is focused on Firefighter Safety. The ventilation fans are capable of removing large amounts of smoke from a building, the air monitoring equipment will be used to monitor atmospheric conditions at fire incidents or technical rescue scenes. RIC equipment is designed to help firefighters rescue injured personnel.

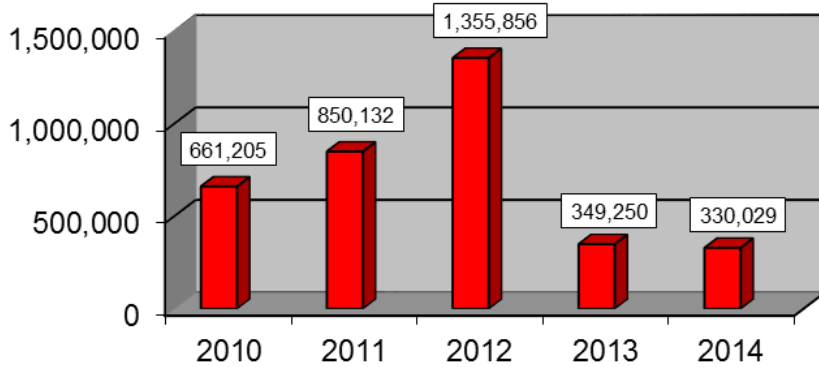
FD awarded a \$30,000 Regional Homeland Security Grant to fund three technical rescue training certification programs. This training also paved the way for the FD to receive over \$10,000 in new technical rescue equipment.

\$22,000 funded twelve new sets of Firefighter Bunker Gear purchased as part of the FD replacement program. This program is designed to replace a firefighters gear every three years. This new gear incorporates rescue harnesses and drag rescue devices for enhancing firefighter capabilities and safety.

A capital improvement project provided \$25,000 in funding to replace Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) air tanks that were at the end of their service life. The funding allowed for replacement of SCBA shoulder straps and harnesses.

2010-2014 FIRE PROPERTY LOSS

PROPERTY SAVED IN DOLLARS IN 2014: \$4,071,650



TOP 10 FIRES IN 2014: Estimated Property Loss / Save

Construction Type / Property	Property Loss	Property Saved
Attraction (Branson Frontier Adventure)	\$ 175,000	\$ 0
Recreational Vehicle (Camper)	\$ 45,940	\$ 0
Passenger Vehicle	\$ 43,000	\$ 0
Single Family Residence	\$ 37,250	\$ 91,750
Restaurant (Mr. G's)	\$ 8,000	\$ 309,000
Passenger Vehicle	\$ 6,100	\$ 0
Hotel / Motel (Branson Lodge)	\$ 5,000	\$1,075,000
Single Family Residence	\$ 3,500	\$ 86,500
Residential Board & Care (Golden Living)	\$ 3,139	\$2,500,000
Single Family Residence (Mobile Home)	\$ 3,100	\$ 9,400
Total Loss / Save	\$ 330,029	\$4,071,650



2014 Service Awards were presented to Reserve Firefighter Chris Gaut, Career Firefighter Jason Bruck, Engineer Clark Bogle, and Captain Ben Bonner pictured with Chief Martin at the annual banquet held at the Branson Convention Center.

OPERATIONS

The charts, statistics, equipment, and training all reflected in this report fall within the Fire Operations Division. All of our firefighters have "Staff Functions" or assist those that have lead projects. They work hard each day to research, propose, purchase and place in-service the best fire-rescue equipment and training supported by the funding provided by our community.

This past year the FD continued the focus on Safety. All fire personnel participated in a comprehensive medical physical, the third year we have done this. These physicals are important to focus on health and wellness for today's emergency responders and for their future health as well.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Two Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) courses were presented teaching 40 citizens skills they can use in times of disaster.

New Emergency Operations Center (EOC) portable supply kits were developed to improve EOC operations and support for emergency workers during times of disaster. These kits developed by the FD are also designed to be cost effective using group purchasing and interoperable with other jurisdictions. 18 of these EOC kits are now placed across southwest Missouri!

TRAINING & SAFETY

Training is the foundation of our Fire-Rescue Operations. Our firefighters are required by national standards to participate in 120 hours of training annually. The Firefighters averaged over 200 hours in 2014. Add to this the requirement for continuing education training to maintain the Emergency Medical Technician certification. This annual training equates to our residents and visitors well trained firefighters to respond to their emergency calls for help.

Firefighters also have a high regard for safety while training, working around the fire stations, responding to medical calls, and working in the roadway at traffic accidents. Safety is also a priority at working structure fires.

2014 Training & Safety Programs presented at the FD Training Center, University of Missouri, and the National Fire Academy:

- Federal Highway Safety Traffic Incident Management
- Command & Control of Fire Operations at Target Hazards
- Large Area Search Training (Structure Fires)
- All Hazards Incident Team Management
- Introduction to Technical Rescue
- Trench Rescue Operations
- Structural Collapse Rescue
- Propane Bobtail Truck
- Know Your Smoke
- Ethanol Blends
- Haz-Mat IQ

***Congratulations to Fire Engineer
JOSH BOEHM for being honored
by Missouri Department of
Conservation as "Bow Hunter
Safety Educator of the Year!"***

The Training Division also supports community education by providing Hands Only CPR and Hunter Safety Education and Bow Hunter Safety Programs throughout the year.

New "Proficiency Standards" were developed in 2014 as a training tool for the Captains to use with their crews.

These new standards allow crews to assess their skills annually as they practice and demonstrate their abilities.



TECHNICAL SERVICES

425 New Construction Inspections
355 Plan Review
1898 Fire & Life Safety Inspections

Operational Permits

Tents	42
Open Burning	08
Blasting	00
Fireworks Sales	07
Fireworks Displays	09
Indoor Pyrotechnics	08
Tank Set / Removal	10

All-Hazards Risk Reduction
Public Education Programs
3,436 Adult Contacts
5,180 Children Contacts

Fire Personnel provided the new "Hands Only CPR" training for over 200 citizens.

Division Chief Randy Fogle was named "Employee of the Year" by the City of Branson for his work following a fire in a commercial building. He helped this tourism attraction "after the fire" to quickly get business restored within 12 hours. Division Chief Fogle worked with the owner to secure the fire damaged area, recommend emergency repairs, worked with the health department, and utilities. This was all done over a busy tourism weekend!

***The Firefighters, their families & CERT
raised \$22,000 at the annual
"Firefighter Boot Block" for the
Muscular Dystrophy Association.***

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